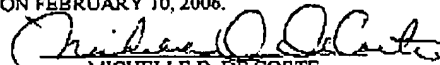


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in reply to the Office Action dated 01/18/2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which can be found on pages 2-3 of this paper; and

**Remarks** can be found on page 4 of this paper.

By way of this paper, Claim 1 is being amended, and Claims 4, 7-8 and 12-24 are being cancelled without prejudice and with right of reentry of the subject matter of any of those claims in this or any other appropriate patent application. Accordingly, after entry of this paper, Claims 1-3, 5-6 and 9-11 will remain pending in the present application.

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